

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Expediting Temporary
5 Ratings for Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AUTOMATIC**
2 **PROCESSING OF CERTAIN CLAIMS FOR TEM-**
3 **PORARY DISABILITY RATINGS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than one year after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-
6 erans Affairs shall modify the information technology sys-
7 tems of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for
8 the automatic processing of claims for temporary disability
9 ratings for veterans described in section 1156(a)(1)(C) of
10 title 38, United States Code.

11 (b) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**—In providing for
12 the processing automatic processing of claims as required
13 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall ensure that—

14 (1) the process used for processing such claims
15 is not end-to-end;

16 (2) employees of the Department continue to
17 determine whether a veteran is eligible for a tem-
18 porary disability rating under section 1156(a)(1)(C)
19 of title 38, United States Code; and

20 (3) claims may be processed manually if the
21 evidence of record is not sufficient to decide the
22 claim or if the medical evidence is provided in a for-
23 mat that is not compatible with the system devel-
24 oped under subsection (a).